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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Co-operative Societies

The circular of Mr. Ramdas to the Co-operative Societies.

29 Q.—Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state why the circular of Mr. Ramdas to the co-operative societies was prohibited?

A.—The hon. Member presumably refers to Mr. Ramdas' appeal in the Press to co-operative societies to embark on an intensive propaganda for the promotion of the production and sale of khaddar and swadeshi cloth. The reasons for the Government's attitude in the matter have been explained in the Press Communiqué issued by Government on 20th June 1930.

Forest Panchayats

Alleged abrogation of some forest panchayats in Kurnool district.

30 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what the reasons are which induced the Government to abrogate some forest panchayats in Kurnool district?

A.—The Government have taken no action of the kind indicated by the hon. Member. A report has been called for.

Floods

Damage caused by floods in the Tanjore district.

31 Q.—Mr. A. P. L. N. V. NADIMUTHU PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has been informed by the local authorities of the Tanjore district about the serious damages caused in that district by the recent rains and heavy floods;

(*b*) what is the extent of the damage and what are the urgent measures that are proposed to be taken by the Government to bring relief to the people in the flood-affected area;

(*c*) whether he has called for a detailed report of the damage and suggestions of relief from the District Collector, Tanjore; and

(*d*) whether the district authorities have done anything up to now towards the said relief, and if so, what?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *to* (*d*) The hon. Member is referred to the answers given to questions Nos. 12, 13, and 14.

Irrigation

The Kanchalamma Tank Project in Cuddapah district.

32 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state in what stage the investigation of the Kanchalamma Tank Project of Cuddapah district is and what steps the Government propose to take for executing the project?

A.—The plans and estimates for the restoration of the tank are under the consideration of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The question of the execution of the project will be considered when the estimates are submitted to Government.

Investigation of the failure of freshes in the river Palar.

33 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) in what stage the question of the investigation of the failure of freshes in the river Palar (North Arcot and Chingleput districts) stands ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have moved in the matter of making representations to the Mysore Government on this subject, and if so, with what result ?

A.—(*a*) The preliminary investigation is nearly completed. It has involved the compilation of statistics for a period of 30 years.

(*b*) Yes. It is reported that tanks in Mysore which breached in 1903 have been restored to their original capacity, but that no new tanks have been constructed, that extension of irrigation in Mysore have been trifling, and that the rainfall during the last 10 years has diminished by 12 to 13 per cent in the Palar basin in Mysore.

Loans

Recovery of amounts advanced to agriculturists in Chittoor and North Arcot districts.

34 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing—

(*a*) the amounts advanced to agriculturists in Chittoor and North Arcot districts under the Agriculturists (Improvements) Loans Act for the three years ending with 30th September 1930 ;

(*b*) the amounts ordered to be summarily recovered under the two following reasons :—

(1) as the works were not completed within the stipulated time ; and

(2) as the amounts of the loans were misapplied by the works not being done at all ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have called for the information.

[For further list of Unstarred questions, vide page 138 infra.]

STARRED QUESTIONS—*cont.*

Education

Scale of pay in the Subordinate Educational Service.

* 35 *Q.*—Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Ayyar :—Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the Government have considered the question of increasing the pay of the Assistant Professors or Assistant Lecturers in the Subordinate Educational Service in the Government Colleges ?

A.—Yes. A selection grade on Rs. 250—10—300 for 5 per cent of the cadre has been sanctioned with effect from the 1st April 1929.